

**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**July 10, 2006**

## **Committee on Equal Opportunities Report**

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met Monday, June 19, 2006, in Frankfort. The following is a summary of the meeting, the status of initiatives, recurring activities related to the implementation of the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities, and the partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

The committee:

- Adopted the final report of the CEO campus visit at Morehead State University, April 17-18, 2006. The report has been forwarded to President Wayne Andrews with a request that MoSU give a report on the status of the implementation of the committee's recommendations at the October 16, 2006, CEO meeting. The full report can be found at [http://cpe.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/674F5D3C-9DA7-40C3-9288-6B7F88A6F391/0/B1\\_MSU2006campusvisitreport.pdf](http://cpe.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/674F5D3C-9DA7-40C3-9288-6B7F88A6F391/0/B1_MSU2006campusvisitreport.pdf).
- Received a report that proposals were received from four vendors to conduct the statewide diversity study. The evaluation process calls for the evaluation team (consisting of one representative appointed by the president from each institution) to identify the best proposals, allow vendors to make a presentation in support of their proposal, and identify and recommend to the presidents the best value proposal for their consideration to be offered a contract to implement a diversity study. The evaluation process is expected to be completed in July and a contract awarded by August 31, 2006. The study is expected to be completed and a final report given to the Committee on Equal Opportunities, the Council, and institutions by June 30, 2007.
- Adopted a fall 2006 and spring 2007 campus visit schedule. The committee will conduct campus visits at the University of Kentucky, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Somerset Community College, Ashland Community & Technical College, Maysville Community & Technical College, Kentucky State University, Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Madisonville Community College, and Hopkinsville Community College. The CEO will conduct visits during the regular academic year and will avoid conducting visits during registration, spring or fall breaks, or final exams. Campus visits at community and technical colleges will be conducted by teams of three or four members of the CEO. Campus visits at UK and KSU will be conducted at the time of a regular CEO meeting.

- Received a report on the status of the partnership with the U. S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. The committee agreed that copies of the new status report should be prepared and sent to the OCR with a request that the Commonwealth's status be determined. Also, the committee requested that the Council simultaneously forward a copy of the status report to U. S. Senators McConnell and Bunning with a request for assistance to get a response from the OCR regarding the Commonwealth's status.
- Received a report on the institutional departments of public safety and asked staff to request more information from institutions. The committee noted that the information provided does not include language that is consistent and thus does not allow proper analysis and conclusions to be drawn regarding institution performance. The report will be revised and included on the October agenda for further consideration by the CEO.
- Received a report on the institutional campus environment teams describing the activities and support programs implemented by institutions to improve the campus environment for students, faculty, and staff.
- Agreed to cancel the scheduled August 14, 2006, meeting and instead go into retreat to plan the calendar of activities for 2006-07.
- Received a special interim report on the Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity Scholarship noting that the Chief Justice confirmed that the scholarship is funded for the 2006-08 biennium. The committee asked to receive a report at the October meeting regarding the students at each law school supported by the scholarship.
- Received a report that the 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference was hosted by Eastern Kentucky University, June 16-17, 2006, and that the sixth annual statewide Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Conference was held at the University of Louisville, June 13-14, 2006.
- Heard interim reports from Eastern Kentucky University, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Northern Kentucky University, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University detailing the institutions' success in implementing the recommendations from campus visits.